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SUBJECT: PROTEST ACTIVITIES IN BARCELONA

1. IN RECENT DAYS A NUMBER OF SMALL BOMBS HAVE GONE OFF IN APPARENTLY CAREFULLY SELECTED SITES IN BARCELONA. TWO SET OFF AT THE CHILEAN CONSULATE AND AT THE CHILEAN AIRLINE LAN CLEARLY RELATED TO THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOST RECENT CHILEAN REVOLUTION. ANOTHER WAS EXPLODED AT THE OLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE "MOVIMIENTO" AND STILL ANOTHER WAS SET TO GO OFF IN THE COURTS AT TARRASA BUT WAS DEFUSED BEFORE IT EXPLODED. PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES REPORTED.

2. IN OTHER ACTIVITIES, THE POLICE RAIDED THE MEETING HALL OF "EL CONVENTO DE LAS MADRES ESCOLAPIAS" IN SABADELL ON SUNDAY SEP 8, USING HELICOPTERS AND OTHER SECURITY METHODS AND ARRESTED 67 ATTENDEES ON CHARGES OF TAKING PART IN AN UNAUTHORIZED MEETING. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE PRESS NOTE, THE MEETING HAD BEEN CALLED BY THE "ASSEMBLY OF CATALUNA" FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED STATEMENT OF THE "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA DE ESPANA" AND TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE DECLARATION. THE CATALAN ASSEMBLY IS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING MADE UP OF DIFFERENT SUBVERSIVE GROUPS, MAINLY COMMUNIST.

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3. ON THE NIGHT OF SEP 11, 50 OF THE 67 ARRESTEES WERE RELEASED

OF THE REMAINING 17, 4 WERE FINED PESETAS 150,000 AND ALL OF THEM REMAIN IN JAIL.

4. THE NAMES OF THE 4 WHO WERE FINED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JORGE DUCH CORTINA, TEACHER, ALEJANDRO MESA LUQUE, PAINTER, JOSEP MARIA VIDAL VILLA, ECONOMIST, FERRAN FULLA SALA, POET. A COMPLETE LISTING OF THOSE ARRESTED IS BEING POUCHED. MOST ARE 35 YEARS OR YOUNGER AND NONE APPEAR TO BE KNOWN QUANTITIES TO THIS OFFICE.

5. THE CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP OF BARCELONA, DR. JUBANY ARNAU, BECAUSE OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF SEVERAL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS MEETING PLACE HAS TAKEN SOME PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.

6. A SMALL DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF THE BARCELONA PALACE OF JUSTICE ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEP 11 BUT THIS WAS QUICKLY BROKEN UP BY THE POLICE. A NUMBER OF PAMPHLETS OF THE CATALAN ASSEMBLY WERE APPARENTLY LOOSED BUT NO FURTHER ACTIVITIES WERE KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED.

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